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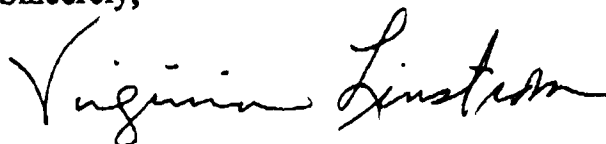
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing today to urge you and the Department of Justice to accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement. Microsoft has agreed to many concessions in order to put the issue to rest. The settlement is fair and I hope that you will agree to it.

Some say that Microsoft has gotten off easy; in fact they have not. Microsoft has agreed to give computer makers a wide-ranging flexibility to install and promote any software that they see fit. It has also agreed to license its Windows operating system products to computer makers at a uniform price no matter what other products the maker promotes. In fact, Microsoft has agreed to terms that extend well beyond the products and procedures that were actually at issue in the suit.

Microsoft has agreed to many concessions in order to settle the issue. The terms are fair and I would like to see the settlement accepted.

Sincerely,



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